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1. "An extensive purge in the highest circles of the Lithuanian Communist Party is underway, following the death of Bodeka, Chief of the State Investigation Tribunal at the end of March 1951"

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2. "This purge began in May and, according to information available, one of the first victims allegedly was Stasis Pupeikis, Secretary of the Presidium of the Lithuanian Supreme Soviet. At about the same time a 'special adviser' was assigned to President Justas Paleckis, in the person of Alexander Trofimov, who is known to be an MGB officer and who, officially, acts as 2nd Secretary of the Central Committee of the Lithuanian Communist Party.
3. "Towards the end of May also the influential head of the Lithuanian Labor Cadres, Danil Supikov, was removed from his office. He has since disappeared. It is an open guess that his disappearance is also connected with this purge. Supikov was responsible for the deportation of Lithuanian political prisoners to concentration camps and to forest work in Siberia, and for the recruitment of Lithuanian 'volunteers' for the so-called 'Stalinskiye Stroyki' (labor brigades).
4. "In connection with the purge and simultaneously intensified Soviet security control measure, three deputies have been assigned to the Lithuanian Parliament, Mečis Gedvilas. All three are Soviet citizens and high-ranking MGB officers: Alexijev Chistiakov, Vasilij Pisarev and Alexander Sokolov."

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